

WISDOM AND WEALTH

(James 5:1-6)

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“For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil” (1 Timothy 6:10).

Four WRONG AND RIGHT uses of wealth . . .

I. Don't _____; save _____.

James 5:1-3 “Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. Your wealth [shown by food, clothing and precious metals] has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days.”

A. Money can't buy you _____.
Proverbs 18:11 “The wealth of the rich is their fortified city; they imagine it an unscalable wall.”

B. Money can't buy you _____.
Proverbs 23:4-5 “Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.”
Proverbs 11:4 “Wealth is worthless on the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.”

C. Save for your _____.
Proverbs 21:20a (LB) “The wise man saves for the future.”
Proverbs 13:11b “He grows rich who accumulates little by little.”

II. Don't _____; work _____.

James 5:4 “Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty.”

A. God is your _____ — act like it!

B: How much can I make? As _____ as you can!
Proverbs 14:23 “Hard work brings a profit; mere talk leads to poverty.”

Unless it hurts . . .

1. My _____.
2. My _____.
3. Other _____.
4. My spiritual _____.

III. Don't _____; spend _____.

James 5:5 “You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.”

A. Set financial _____.
Proverbs 21:5 (GN) “Plan carefully and you will have plenty; if you act too quickly, you will never have enough.”

B. How do you spell relief? _____!
Proverbs 21:20b (GN) “Stupid people spend their money as fast as they get it.”

IV. Don't _____; give _____.

James 5:6 “You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you.”

A. Money is _____. (Luke 16:9)

B. A generous man will _____!
Proverbs 11:24-25 “One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”

C. Give back to _____.
Proverbs 3:9-10 (LB) “Honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of all your income, and He will fill your barns . . . to overflow!”

V. Put God _____, not _____.

Matthew 6:24 “No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

A. “In _____ we trust.”